

MEETING MINUTES

LOUISIANA ASSESSORS' RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE LOUISIANA ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

1:30 P.M.

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, PREMIER 1 ROOM
4728 CONSTITUTION AVE., BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70808

A meeting of the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Board was held Tuesday, April 26, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Premier 1 Room, 4728 Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge Louisiana 70808. The following members were present: President Tab Troxler, Treasurer Jeff Gardner and Members Michael Bealer, Richard Earl, Irby Gamble, Glenda Gaspard, Louis Hebert, Charlie Henington, Phyllis Mendoza, Jimbo Stevenson, Glenn Waguespack, Erroll Williams and Senator Price. Absent were Vice President Lance Futch, and members Taylor Barras, Lee Brown and Representative Hollis.

Following the roll call, prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and public comment period wherein no members of the public spoke, the first item for discussion on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes from the December 7, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Erroll Williams and seconded by Louis Hebert, all approved, and the motion to approve the minutes, passed.

The November 2020 Financial Report was delivered by Staff Accountant, Anna Wessman. The Balance Sheet and Income Statement were provided. Following is a summary:

	As of November 30,2020	Current Month this Year	Year to Date this FY
Total Assets	\$487,644,446.50		
Total Liabilities	\$ 13,776.14		
Total Capital	\$487,630,670.36		
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$487,644,446.50		
Total Revenue		\$37,481,549.34	\$31,345,374.52
Total Expenses		\$ 2,116,028.59	\$ 4,104,546.16
Net Income		\$35,365,520.75	\$27,240,828.36

The Financials were approved with a motion by Richard Earl and a second by Erroll Williams. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A report on the 4th Quarter 2020 Retirement System Refunds, Transfers, Reciprocals, Retirements and Deaths was provided by the Executive Director. A motion to approve the report was provided by Charlie Henington. The motion was seconded by Glenn Waguespack and all were in favor and the motion carried.

A presentation by the AndCo, Investment Consultant, Jon Breth was then provided. As notice was provided on the agenda, this discussion of Investments, including a review of a new Asset type, International Small Cap Investing, was applied as credit for Trustee Training, for those in attendance. Mr. Breth reviewed the Investment Performance and the Preliminary Monthly Flash Report, for the Period ending December 31, 2020.

After a review of the current Asset Allocation compared to the policy. Mr. Breth recommended that as a rebalancing entry, we move 2% or \$10,000,000 from Domestic Equity Managers to Core Fixed Income. He suggested withdrawing \$5,000,000 from Westfield and \$5,000,000 from GAMCO, moving those funds to Orleans Cap for investment. The recommended rebalancing entries were approved with a motion by Charlie Henington and a second by Glenda Gaspard, there was no further discussion and with all in favor, the motion carried.

The Investment Consultant then focused on a new asset class, International Small Cap. Currently, we have our three International Allocations, State Street Index Fund, TSW and American Funds Europacific Growth. To build diversification of the plan, Mr. Breth feels it would be worth investigating and reviewing investment options in this area and perhaps identifying a few managers for future interviews. The Board was open to discussing this asset class further, at the April meeting.

The next item on the Agenda was a presentation and discussion by Greg Curran, with G. S. Curran & Company, LTD. Mr. Curran presented the Funding Valuation Report as of September 30, 2020. This valuation report takes into consideration, a lowering of the valuation interest rate from 6.0% to 5.75%. Following the approval of the report, by PRSAC, the Board will need to address, at a future 2021 quarterly meeting, the Employer Contribution Rate and a decision on a COLA, Cost of Living Increase for retirees. Also, at a future meeting, the actuary will provide a requested change to the actuarial equivalence measure, with option factors reflecting the new assumptions. With regards to the new option factors, the actuary's staff will also do a study to determine if 'age 60' is an appropriate pivot age, when setting the option reduction factors. The results of these reviews will be brought before the Board. The members of the Board acknowledged the information provided by the Actuary and approved the Valuation Funding report, with a motion by Glen Waguespack and a second by Jimbo Stevenson. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Mr. Curran then explained an issue with duplicate service time, as a result of rounding in a transfer of service from another system. Our retirement system attorney, Ms. Denise Akers gave her opinion and a review of the statute. She recommended that the board acknowledge that our system will not allow more than one year of service credit, in any given calendar year, regardless of whether a prior transfer of service purchase reflects such credit, in accordance with the law. Her recommendation was accepted in the form of a motion by Louis Hebert, a second by Irby Gamble and the motion carried, with board approval.

The Retirement System Attorney, Ms. Denise Akers, then addressed the Board and provided a Resolution for Demand to the LA State Treasurer's Office for Orleans Ad Valorem funds, if not received by March 2021. Charlie Henington offered a motion to authorize the Association President and the Executive Director, with general counsel, to execute the Resolution, only if the Ad Valorem funds are not received timely. The motion was seconded by Michael Bealer and the motion passed, as all were in favor.

There being no further business to come before the Retirement Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Henington, seconded by Richard Earl and with no objections the meeting was adjourned.